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Royalty leviable on Soap-Stone

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Royalty leviable on Soapstone.

From

The Director of Geology

No. 1738. Dated 13-4-23 Received 14-4-23

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends for issue stated that the royalty at the rate of 1-4-0. per ton of Soapstone may be ordered to be levied.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted for orders

Asst. 20-4-23.

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V.B. All parties concerned there is no means ascertaining exactly what the sale value of Soapstone is at the pit's mouth or on surface. In the

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circumstances explained by the Board at half or 5% of the value of the material of petitioners subject to a minimum of one anna per cwt. (Rs 1/4 per ton) may be levied -

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Royalty leviable on soapstone.

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Royalty payable to Government on soapstone at present is 5% on the sale value at the pit's mouth, or on the surface, of the dressed ore or metal, convertible, at the option of Government, to an equivalent charge per ton to be fixed annually, or, for a term. The soapstone obtained under prospecting licenses is not sold in its crude state, but, is used locally for the manufacture of slate pencils. One of the licensees, viz., Mr. Chennaveerappa of Tumkur, states that the approximate value of soapstone at the pit's mouth can be taken to be Rs.11-8-0 per ton and the royalty payable to Government would amount to Rs.0-9-2 per ton while the rate of royalty that used to be levied under permits issued by the Revenue Department in the past was Rs.0-12-0 per ton. In 1917, one of the licensees sold the material at Rs.30-3-0 per ton, and paid the royalty at the rate of Rs.1-8-0 per ton. In the absence of reliable data in regard to the value of soapstone it is difficult to assess the royalty thereon. In these circumstances the Director of Geology recommends that a royalty at the rate of Rs.1-4-0 per ton may be levied, as in the case of ochres where a similar difficulty exists in ascertaining the sale value of the raw material.

P.U.D.

2. The recommendation of the Director is reasonable and the proposed rate of Rs.1-4-0 per ton of the material may be graciously approved.

P Rajagopalachar 12.5.23

11th May 1923. MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

(19 *Submitted to His Highness.*

I submit herewith a Final Note by the First *Member of Council on the subject of* royalty leviable on soapstone,

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for His Highness' gracious approval.

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2	To Rev & Govt 7277 & 29-5-23 Inviting attention to the sale value of the land leased to [illegible] and requesting that the sale value be fixed & the rent to be levied as proposed.
3	To Revenue Commissioner, Mysore Gazette. 7278 & 29-5-23. Notification herewith

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No. 1738 Dated, Bangalore, 13th April 1923

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From

B. JAYA RAM, ESQUIRE, F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department.

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14 APR 1923

To

G. Aravamudu Iyengar, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
General Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to solicit the favour of orders of Government in the matter of the rate of royalty leviable on soapstone.

2. A few prospecting licenses have, with the sanction of Government, been granted for soapstone in the Tumkur District, and the rate of royalty payable to Government as specified therein is "five per cent of the sale value, at the pit's mouth or on surface, of the dressed ore or mineral convertible at the option of Government to an equivalent charge per ton to be fixed annually or for a term."

3. The soapstone obtained under the licenses is not sold in its crude state, but is used locally for manufacture of slate pencils. The sale value of the material at the pit's mouth can, therefore, be calculated only by deducting, from the selling price of the slate pencils manufactured out of every ton of soapstone, all costs incurred in connection with its transport and manufacture except the cost of extracting the ore. The enclosed statement contains certain figures furnished by

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one of the principal licensees, Mr. G. Chennaveerappa, and it will be seen therefrom that the approximate cost of soapstone at the pit's mouth can be taken to be Rs.11-8-0 per ton. Five per cent of this is Rs.0-9-2. This is less than even the royalty, viz., six annas per cart load or twelve annas per ton, paid under permits obtained in the past from the Revenue Department.

4. Under a prospecting license (No.457) granted in the year 1917 to one Mr. Siddiah Naidu for soapstone over a block in the Mandya Taluk, six tons of soapstone were sold for Rs.181-2-0 or at Rs.30-3-0 per ton and the royalty recovered was Rs.9-10-10 which worked at Rs.1-8-0 per ton.

5. The subjoined Table (copied from the Records of the Geological Survey of India, Vol.LI and LII, Part 3) shows the value per ton of Steatite (soapstone) produced in different parts of India between the years 1914 to 1919:-

	1914.	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	Average for 6 years for each locality.
	Value per ton.	Value per ton.	Value per ton.	Value per ton.	Value per ton.	Value per ton	
Bihar & Orissa. Mayurbhaiy	43	40	96	80	87	75	70
Central Provinces. Jubbulpore	13	15	13	16	18	19	16
Madras Presidency. Nellore.	129	133	74	59	64	64	87
United Provinces. Hamirpur.	93	99	99	118	128	128	111
Average per ton for the several Provinces.	69	72	70	68	74	71	-

6. It will be seen from the above that the value of the mineral ranges very widely from Rs.16 to 111 per ton in different parts of India, but no information is available

available as to either the quality of the material or the uses to which it is put.

7. In the absence of reliable data, in regard to the value of soapstone, it is rather difficult to assess the royalty thereon. The value arrived at from the figures furnished by Mr. Chennaveerappa is Rs.11-8-0 per ton as stated above and the value of the material obtained by the previous licensee - Mr. Siddiah Naidu is, Rs.30-3-0 per ton. Even these two figures vary very widely.

8. In the case of ochres where a similar difficulty exists in ascertaining the sale value of the raw material, a royalty of one anna per cwt. or Rs.1-4-0 per ton is being levied and I think the same rate may be extended to soapstone also. The five per cent royalty calculated on the value ascertained from Mr. Chennaveerappa's figures gives us only nine annas two pies per ton, whereas he was paying twelve annas per ton under the permits previously granted to him by the Revenue Department. The royalty calculated on the value ascertained from Mr. Siddiah Naidu's figures amounts to Rs.1-8-0, but this appears to be rather excessive for the kind of stuff used for the manufacture of slate pencils. The royalty of one anna per cwt or Rs.1-4-0 per ton referred to appears to be reasonable and I beg to recommend that the same may kindly be accepted.

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Govt 2475
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Jayaram

Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

Mysore Geological Department,

Dated, Bangalore, April 1923.

The following statistics were furnished by Mr. G. Chennaveerappa in connection with the question of the calculation of the value of soapstone obtained from his block in Birasandra in the Tiptur Taluk:-

	Rs.
1 Ton of soapstone yields 8 gross of pencils.	
Sale value of 8 gross of pencils delivery at Tumkur.	120-0-0
Packing charges - on 8 gross at Rs.5 per gross	40-0-0
Labour - on 8 gross at Rs.4/- per gross	32-0-0
Fuel do Rs.1/- do	8-0-0
Supervision and other charges - Rs.2/- per gross	16-0-0
Cart hire for 1 ton of soapstone from block to Tumkur.	6-8-0
Depreciation charges at five per cent.	6-0-0
	108-8-0
Cost of soapstone	11-8-0
Royalty - five per cent of Rs.11-8-0	0-9-2.

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Director.

Mysore Geological Department

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Signed by.... Sri M S R Rao.

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Read—

Letter no 1738 & 13-4-23 from the Director, dept of Geology stating that soapstone obtained ~~from~~ under prospecting licenses is not sold in its crude state but is used locally for the manufacture of slate pencils and it is difficult to ascertain the sale value of the raw material and recommending ~~that~~ therefore this mg. royalty at the rate of Re 1-4-0 per ton of material ~~must be levied~~ as is done in the case of ochres where a similar difficulty of ascertaining the value exists.

Order Thereon No. J.C. 7277

Govt are pleased to direct that ~~a~~ royalty at the rate of Re 1-4-0 per ton ~~of soapstone~~ be levied on soapstone as recommended by the Director.

MR

26/5/23 for Secretary to Govt Rev Dept

To the Director, Dept of Geology

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

5% of the value of the material at pit's mouth subject to a minimum of one anna per cubic yard

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Signed by Wm. T. E. J. Lyon

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No. J. C. 7278 ✓

Notification

To

In accordance with Rule 50 of the Rules for the grant of Exploring & prospecting licenses and Mining leases in this State, published under Notification no G 25838/Geol 57-18-20 dated 12th May 1920, royalty on soapstone shall be paid as follows:—

(1) The royalty shall be payable quarterly.

(2) On all ores despatched during any quarter, royalty shall be paid within ninety days of the close of the quarter, and shall be calculated

over. P.T.O.

as follows:—

Five per cent of the sale value of the ore on the mining block convertible annually or for a fixed term, at the option of Govt. into an approximately equivalent charge per ton, subject to the ~~following~~ minimum charge of Rs. 1-4-0 per ton.

By order

26/5 Foreign Secretary

To The Superintendent, Mysore Gazette for publication with the request that 300 copies of the notification may be printed and 75 copies supplied to the Chief Secretary and the remaining 225 copies to the Director of Geology

Memo. no. I.C. 7279 & 29/5/23

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Director, Dept. of Geology for information

Sd/- 26/5/23
Foreign Secretary

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